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TRAFFIC STUDY

Drivers more likely to be late for work, feel less energized

May Warren
Metro | Toronto

Despite winter's bluster, Toronto's Clare McFarlane is still using two wheels as her main way to get around town.

The 21-year-old cycles to both her journalism classes at Ryerson University and her part-time job.

Unlike transit, or even an Uber, she knows she can count on her bike to get her there on time, without delays or traffic jams.

"It's one of the reasons why I love it," she said, "Nothing will really get in my way."

As a happy and punctual cyclist, McFarlane is not alone.

A new study out of McGill University suggests cyclists are winning the commuting contest.

Published in the February 2017 issue of the journal Science Direct, it found cyclists were the most likely to arrive to work or class on time, and feel "energized" for the day ahead.

Drivers, on the flip side, were the least likely to feel energized and also the most likely to be late.

The authors surveyed over 3,000 members of the university community, including pedestrians, cyclists, drivers and people who take transit, on their commutes during a dry, normal day and a cold, snowy day.

With cities such as Toronto at work building more transportation infrastructure, "we have to make sure that people are happy with what they're doing," said Ahmed M. El-Geneidy, an associate professor at McGill's School of Urban Planning and one of the authors of the study.

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‘Lego Cop’ humanizes force

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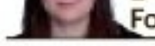
More than 300 officers have requested their likeness created



Tara Deschamps
For Metro | Toronto

Daniel Ng, an auxiliary police officer and TTC driver, builds replica police officers out of Lego and shares his creations on social media to help humanize law enforcement. EDUARDO LIMA/METRO

As a child, Daniel Ng’s family couldn’t afford Lego, so he fashioned toy planes and buses out of paper to play with.

But as a 32-year-old, the TTC driver and auxiliary police officer has purchased hundreds of Legos — enough to make any kid jealous.

Ng, nicknamed the Lego Cop, outfits each with custom police badges and tactical vests before sharing photos of them re-enacting policing scenes and teaching safety lessons on social media.

His posts feature Lego forensic identification services officers in Indiana Jones-style hats, cops at a R.I.D.E. check and others atop horses, skates and bikes.

Ng started making the scenes because “people don’t have a good impression of the police.”

“I wanted to bring out a sense of humour and at the same time if I can promote a safety message, why not?” he said.

Most of his post ideas come from what he sees while driving a streetcar, but some come from the more than 300 officers who requested Ng create Lego cops in their likeness.

Each Lego officer takes around 45 minutes to craft with parts bought online and pieces he prints.

He hasn’t been able to recreate the police’s neon raincoats or yellow bike jackets, but he has mastered beards, obscure uniforms, helmets and turbans.

“Different services across the province have contacted me and asked me to make them one, but I just don’t have time for that,” Ng said.

“I won’t be taking requests anymore, but I’ll keep coming up with new ideas and posting because that’s what people like and it gets the police message out.”

Some titles on the list of TPL’s most popular books and DVDs in 2016. CONTRIBUTED

Canadian authors capture T.O.’s imagination

Gilbert Ngabo
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Torontonians are reading a little closer to home.

A glimpse at Toronto Public Library’s list of most the popular books of 2016 shows readers prefer Canadian authors over their international counterparts — in print, e-books and even audio books.

“Canadian literary fiction is really capturing our attention,” said the library’s senior collections specialist Maria Cipriano, noting six of the top 10 most sought-after books are by Canadian authors.

“It shows we really support our local talent.”

The number of e-book readers continues to grow as more titles become available to download, but Cipriano said the bigger trend this year has been the use of audio books.

She attributes the growth to the aging population and millennials who are used to listening to podcasts.

“It’s like having a book in your pocket,” she said. “Just a smartphone and you can continue to be active, whether it’s cleaning your house or being on the commute.”

TOP 5

Top five print books at TPL in 2016

1. **The Nest, by Cynthia D’Aprix Sweeney**
2. **Do Not Say We Have Nothing, by Madeleine Thien**
3. **The Couple Next Door, by Shari Lapeña**
4. **When Breath Becomes Air, by Paul Kalanithi**
5. **A Great Reckoning, by Louise Penny**

TOP 5

Top five DVDs at TPL in 2016

1. **Game Of Thrones**
2. **Spotlight**
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4. **Brooklyn**
5. **The Intern**

A time for culture and community

KWANZAA

Events coincide with anniversary of pan-African movement

Gilbert Ngabo
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Lighting seven candles, drumming and performances, and sharing different African-inspired food are all part of celebrating Kwanzaa. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

It may be just Boxing Week for some in Toronto, but Dec. 26 to Jan.1 is a special period for African-Canadians: the celebration of Kwanzaa. This year's events coincide with the 50th anniversary of the global pan-African movement, with people of African descent celebrating their community and culture.

What's Kwanzaa?

The name derives from a popular Swahili phrase "Matunda ya kwanza," which means the first fruits of the harvest. The week-long celebration was started in 1966 by California State University professor Maulana Karenga, with the goal to honour and celebrate African heritage among the diaspora.

Seven Principles

The celebration of Kwanzaa is based on seven principles, which are regarded as core values reinforcing pan-African culture and community. They are: Umoja (unity), Kujichagulia (self-determination), Ujima (collective work and responsibility), Ujamaa (co-operative economics), Nia (purpose), Kuumba (creativity) and Imani (faith).

How to celebrate Kwanza:

Families can celebrate Kwanzaa in different ways throughout the week, but each celebration is a mixture of storytelling, poetry reading, songs, dances and of course feasting on African-inspired dishes. Ceremonies can include the lighting of seven candles symbolizing the seven principles on which the tradition is founded, and on Jan. 1 children receive zawadi, which are educational and cultural gifts.

Where to celebrate in and around Toronto

On Dec. 28, African-Canadian families and friends will gather to celebrate Kwanzaa in the New Lowell community, south of Barrie (3347 Sideroad).

The Harriet Tubman Community Organization will host Kwanzaa celebration on Dec. 29 starting at noon, with guest speakers, gifts, entertainment and food sharing (1761 Sheppard Ave. East).

Several other places have scheduled events through the week: The Ujima House for the Young and Potential Fathers (1901 Weston Rd.), The African Canadian Heritage Association (941 Progress Ave.), Markham African Caribbean Canadian Association (505 Hood Rd.).

SUPPORT

Hotline sees spike in calls from Muslim youth

May Warren
Metro | Toronto

A GTA-based hotline for Muslim youth is reporting about a 320 per cent increase in calls since last year, which organizers say is at least partly due the "anxiety and tension" surrounding U.S. president-elect Donald Trump.

Naseeha: Muslim Youth Helpline received about 4,031 calls in 2015, compared to 16,910 in 2016, said Summayah Poonah, vice president of education and outreach.

"There's been nothing like it in our history," said Poonah.

Naseeha, which means advice in Arabic, was first founded in 2006.

Poonah says the free, North-American-wide hotline is intended for young Muslims "to have a sounding board" for everything from bullying to body image issues.

She attributes part of the spike in calls to a marketing campaign, but said the atmosphere around Trump's election has also played a role.

"It is sort of a weight that's kind of bearing down on people's shoulders," she said.

There's been a reported rise in hate crimes in the U.S following Trump's victory, directed at Muslims and other minorities. His election has also emboldened white supremacist groups and provoked anti-immigrant sentiment.

During the campaign, the president-elect suggested both a Muslim registry and a potential immigration ban.

Although about 67 per cent of calls to Naseeha come from the U.S, Poonah said "a lot of the rhetoric has sort of seeped into Canada."

"I do think that the youth are sort of bearing the brunt of this," she added. "This is their home, there is no back home to them."

Volunteer staff at Naseeha are trained to handle crisis calls and can refer callers to other mental health services, Poonah said.

To deal with the increase, Poonah said Naseeha has recruited about 20 new councillors, and gained charitable status this year.

"It speaks to sort of the need in the community to have these uncomfortable conversations," she said.

Naseeha: Muslim Youth Helpline provides a free and confidential place for young Muslims to talk. CONTRIBUTED

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Guy Rawlings, formerly known for managing two of the city's best bars, Bar Raval and Bar Isabel. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

BYLAW CONTESTED

Hookah bars at mercy of court decision

Luther Fatoos doesn't have a Plan B. Magdy Mehany doesn't either.

Fatoos owns Al-Omda Lounge in Mississauga, and Mehany runs the Nile Palace Café in Scarborough. Both say the fate of their businesses hinge on the outcome of a bylaw being contested in Ontario courts.

Fatoos and Mehany are part of two separate groups of hookah bar owners fighting bylaws in Toronto and Peel Region that forbid hookah smoking. The Toronto bylaw applies to licensed businesses, and Peel's covers enclosed public places as well. A hookah, or water pipe, is a device used to smoke shisha, a product that can contain tobacco but doesn't always.

If the bylaws are deemed legal and jurisdictions start enforcing them, the business owners say they'll struggle to remain open. Some owners fear their staff, some who don't speak much English, won't be able to find employment anywhere else.

Both Toronto and Peel argue the ban aims to protect residents from the health repercussions of hookah smoking. But some neighbouring jurisdictions don't have similar bylaws in place — so hookah venues on the north side of Steeles Avenue, for example, don't face an impending threat of closure.

Joe Chawla, a health educator in York Region, said the Smoke-Free Ontario Act, which has made it illegal to smoke tobacco in public places, doesn't prohibit herbal shisha. He said that York doesn't ban hookah or non-tobacco shisha, but does inspect hookah lounges if complaints are filed. If these places are found to be selling tobacco products, he said, charges might be laid.

Ryan Zigler is the lawyer for both groups of business owners pushing for the bylaws to be revoked in Toronto and Peel. He said that while the Toronto bylaw only impacts businesses, and Peel's covers enclosed public places, the legal arguments he's making in both cases are much the same. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Go Amish on Queen West

CUISINE

Montgomery Restaurant has taste for local, simple foods

Mary Wales
For Metro | Toronto

For restaurateurs Guy Rawlings and Kim Montgomery, local is definitely where it's at.

At Montgomery's Restaurant — the couple's new venture on Queen Street West near Ossington — it's as much about where the ingredients are grown as it is how they make it onto plates.

"It's Canadian food," says Rawlings, the former operations manager of Toronto's Bar Raval and Bar Isabel. "All we're doing is using these ingredients that are around us, whether they're wild, whether they're cultivated, whether they're typical, whether they're not typical."

> **All we're doing is using these ingredients that are around us.**
> Guy Rawlings

With links to about four or five Amish communities, Montgomery and Rawlings regularly visit farms to scout for fresh ingredients—like beet-root tops and day lily bulbs. The two like working with the Amish because of their expertise.

"They're generations and generations of farmers," says Rawlings. "So what they specialize in, they're usually really good at."

Their wheat and rye flour is sourced from an Amish community, which is used to make their house-made sourdough bread. It's plain and simple: nothing other than water and salt is mixed with the starter and grains.

"It's very much a bread of our area," notes Rawlings.

Other items on the menu include dishes like Salt Spring Island mussels with fermented raw chilies, a savoury steamed custard with day lily bulbs and steamed leeks with caramelized whey, a bi-product leftover from making cottage cheese.

Many of the dishes at Montgomery's are flavoured and enhanced with ingredients, like the whey, that many people would consider scraps.

These overlooked items help to build flavours, keep things local and cut down on waste. Fruit peels are transformed into vinegars to replace citrusy zests, for instance, and fish bones and trimmings are devoted to stalks.

Despite having some of the freshest takes on offer, the overall focus of Montgomery's dishes is simplicity.

"Some people might find them creative," says Rawlings, "some might find them dead simple."

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MOOD SURVEY

But Canadians feel Libs same as Tories in other areas

Post-election enthusiasm toward the Trudeau government's overall performance has declined in the last year, according to the 10th annual Mood of Canada survey. THE CANADIAN PRESS

In the minds of Canadians, their country's reputation on the world stage has improved under the Trudeau Liberals, according to a poll from Nanos Research and the Institute for Research on Public Policy.

The same survey showed an increased number of respondents see federal-provincial relations improving under the Liberals compared with the previous Conservative government.

But the findings also indicate the Liberals are no better off than the Conservatives were at similar times during their mandates when it comes to whether Canada is headed in the right direction, or how well the government is performing.

According to the findings of the 10th annual Mood of Canada survey, there was a more than 20 point jump in positive sentiment toward Canada's international reputation after Prime Minister Justin Trudeau won power in Ottawa. And pollster Nik Nanos says the trend has continued to climb.

But the post-election enthusiasm toward the Trudeau government's overall performance has declined in the last year, said Nanos.

After both election victories, Stephen Harper's Conservatives were seen by 64 per cent of respondents as taking the country in the right direction. A year later, those numbers dropped to about 50 per cent.

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MONTREAL

Reputed Mafia boss denied Mass in Italy

Rocco Sollecito, a reputed Mafia leader in Montreal who was murdered last May, was denied a public commemoration Mass in Italy on Tuesday due to his infamy.

An archbishop and a local police chief forced the cancellation of the mass in Grumo Appula, a small town of Sollecito's roots, part of the larger metropolitan area of the city of Bari, in southern Italy.

Sollecito, 67, was assassinated while driving his car in Laval, just north of Montreal. He was a childhood friend and later a close associate of Vito Rizzuto, the reputed leader of a large crime syndicate in Montreal who died in 2013 shortly after his release from prison.

Bari-Bitonto Archbishop Francesco Cacucci opposed the public mass calling it inappropriate for someone who didn't live a Christian life.

A retired Montreal police investigator familiar with the Mafia said Sollecito was Vito Rizzuto's "right-hand man" and was blamed by some in the Rizzuto clan for not doing enough to protect the family when Vito was in prison.

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Trump Tower evacuated because of a bag of toys

The lobby of Trump Tower has been cleared so police could investigate a so-called suspicious package that turned out to be an unattended backpack containing children's toys.

Video taken by a bystander and posted on Twitter showed people running through the lobby for the exits.

Police department spokesman Stephen Davis said the backpack was found near the entrance to a Nike Town store in the building.

President-elect Donald Trump lives in the tower and has his offices there, though he is presently in Florida.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Girl, 10, who died on flight to London was Canadian

Global Affairs Canada confirmed Tuesday that a 10-year-old girl who died Christmas Eve after falling ill aboard a transatlantic Air Canada flight was Canadian.

The Toronto-to-London flight diverted to Ireland, after the child suffered a medical problem. There was no word on what part of Canada the girl was from or the cause of death.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Quebec chase ends with machete-wielder shot dead

Quebec's police review board is investigating after a machete-wielding man was shot and killed after a car chase with police. The board says the chase through Quebec City began at about 2:30 a.m. Tuesday. During the chase, the suspect threw an axe out of his car. Police eventually brought the vehicle to a halt by ramming it with a police cruiser, when the suspect exited the vehicle with a machete. Officers then opened fire on the suspect.

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‘We’re not going to be a punching bag’

ISRAELI SETTLEMENTS

Israel says it has ‘ironclad’ info U.S. behind UN rebuke

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has had a cool relationship with U.S. President Barack Obama. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Doubling down on its public break with the Obama administration, a furious Israeli government on Tuesday said it had received “ironclad” information from Arab sources that Washington actively helped craft last week’s UN resolution declaring Israeli settlements in occupied territories illegal.

The allegations further poisoned a toxic atmosphere between Israel and the outgoing administration in the wake of Friday’s vote, raising questions about whether the White House might take further action against settlements in President Barack Obama’s final weeks in office.

Israel’s nationalist government is banking on the incoming Trump administration to undo the damage with redoubled support.

Although the U.S. has long opposed the settlements, it has generally used its Security Council veto to protect its ally from censure. On Friday, it abstained from a resolution calling settlements a “flagrant violation” of international law, allowing it to pass by a 14-0 margin.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who has had a cool relationship with Obama, called the resolution “shameful” and accused the U.S. of playing an active role in its passage.

On Tuesday, his spokesman went even further.

“We have ironclad information that emanates from sources in the Arab world and that shows the Obama administration helped craft this resolution and pushed hard for its eventual passage,” David Keyes said. “We’re not just going to be a punching bag and go quietly into the night.”

He did not identify the Arab sources or say how Israel obtained the information.

The Obama administration has vehemently denied Israel’s allegations.

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JESSICA ALLEN ON A LIFE-AFFIRMING NIGHT IN GREECE

Having already climbed to the top of the Acropolis and with sights set on the island of Crete, we had an overnight pit stop at a mysterious remote eight-room hotel ...

"Where are we going again?" Simon asked from the passenger seat of our rental car.

It was Day 4 of our October road trip in Greece. We'd already climbed to the top of the Acropolis, and wandered through ruins in Delphi and Olympia. Mycenae, and the Palace of Knossos on the island of Crete awaited us. But first, we had an overnight pit stop.

"To that hotel a friend of a friend told me about," I said. "The one that serves slipper lobster."

"What's slipper lobster?"

"I don't know, but it's like $130 a kilo in Las Vegas but only $20 here."

"But where is here?" he said, looking at our map. "This is hundreds of kilometres in the opposite direction of where we're supposed to be tomorrow. I don't understand."

Truth be told, neither did I. I'd planned every moment of our 10-day odyssey spotlighting ancient sites, good food and esoteric wines. When Simon had wanted to walk down to the Sanctuary of Athena at Delphi, I had chastised him for adding 15 minutes to our stay. And here we were, adding six hours of drive time, and for what?

While I could tell Simon that the Citta dei Nicliani, the eight-room hotel recommended by someone I'd never met, looked charming online and had Guy Laroche linens, I had no idea we were heading into the rugged and remote heart of the Mani peninsula,

We shook our heads, incredulous over how we ended up in the middle of nowhere and had the best meal of our lives.

the middle finger of the southern Peloponnese, near the southern-most point in continental Europe — from where, rumour has it, Paris sailed away with Helen and started the Trojan War.

But the next 24 hours of our inconvenient detour would prove to be the most memorable night of the year.

PLACE-SETTINGS IN PARADISE The dining courtyard at the Citta dei Nicliani, in southern Greece. JESSICA ALLEN/FOR METRO

After passing through Sparta, where the Taygetus mountains loomed so majestically that it was easy to believe that gods and heroes existed, our ears popped from ascending and descending hills with hairpin turns. We stopped for a total of five bulls as we zipped through deserted villages whose stone-tower houses blended into the brown landscape. The race was on to beat the setting sun, which cast sparkle on the Ionian sea, which plummeted below.

Finally the GPS pleaded: "Turn left, turn right, right, no left," leading us up an incline barely wide enough to accommodate our manual Suzuki Celerio, whose tires I was now burning. We pulled into a gravel platform. The only sound was of roosters, sheep, and a dog.

My knuckles still white and legs shaking, we opened the iron gates to see paradise.

"Maybe we should ring the bell," Simon said as we stood alone in the stone courtyard. I did, and a woman with unruly blond curls wearing a sage-green linen dress, appeared and greeted us by name. She showed us our room before we rejoined her on the terrace for an overdue drink.

Tanya, the matriarch of the Sepsas family, who bought the 19th-century tower house in 2006, told us how she decorated the rooms. Her husband Ilias, a retired civil engineer, did the restoring and cooks dinner for guests. Panos, their son, curated a wine list some 600 bottles long and acts as sommelier. As chance would have it, he was in Athens that night. But Ilias handed me his cellphone so Panos could help me select wine.

We sipped on a Cretan white while the sun set.

"Are you mad at me?" I asked Simon.

"I'm confused by you," he said. "But it's very hard to be anything other than perfectly content right now."

We made our way to the candle-lit courtyard outfitted with seven dining tables, olive, orange and pomegranate trees. There were two German couples, a Greek mother-and-daughter duo, and seven cats.

After dinner — slipper lobster was out of season, so we ordered Greek salad with local feta, local lamb loin, and a traditional Mani pasta with fresh eggs, cheese and butter, which were, you guessed it, all local — Tanya spoke with us about how exciting it was that Canada had a new young leader; how she'd met Margaret Trudeau years ago; how she'd soon be travelling to Tel Aviv to visit a friend, a famous actress in Israel who stays at Citta every year for 25 days; how the Maniots are fiercely independent and are famous for their feuds — explaining their distinct tower houses and why they were the last region of Greece to resist Ottoman rule; how the area is difficult to reach, which makes getting there part of the journey; how people who discover the region, one of the least visited in Greece, are looking for something.

As we finished our second bottle of wine, Simon and I shook our heads, incredulous over how we ended up in the middle of nowhere and had the best meal of our lives, which we didn't even think to document — our phones were in our room — because we just talked, about the past, and the future and how we wanted to stay for 25 days to explore, eat, drink, maybe swim in the cave nearby that some say is the front door to Hades.

Tanya turned off the courtyard lights. We all gasped. There were a million stars above us.

It's been a year of unpleasant surprises but that night, under the heavens, everything felt possible.

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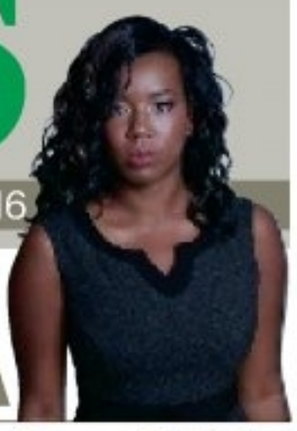

VICKY MOCHAMA

Add Inauguration 2017 to your list of parties to avoid at all costs

In these scary and uncertain times (i.e. January-December 2016 inclusive), I am reassured by the fact that so many people are focused on what is really important here: who is going to play at the presidential inauguration?

Considering his vast and varied connections in entertainment, the only hope I had for the Peach-Elect's reign was for a solid concert. It seems like we won't even get that.

A few days ago he tweeted, "The so-called "A" list celebrities are all wanting tixs to the inauguration, but look what they did for Hillary, NOTHING. I want the PEOPLE!"

Currently, the only performers the Trump team has are opera star Jackie Evancho ("star" being liberally applied here) and the Mormon Tabernacle Choir.

One would think that some of the contestants from The Apprentice would hum a bar for the fuhrer, I mean, future leader of America. What, I wonder, is the point of training Lil' John, Cyndi Lauper and Meatloaf on the art of the deal if they won't show up to sing a song or two? Not even Season 3 Celebrity Apprentice winner Bret Michaels (Wikipedia assures me he is the "lead vocalist of the glam metal band Poison" which: OK, I guess) has volunteered to sing.

It's a state of affairs so grim that a fake tweet suggesting Trump had obtained Nickelback was met with as many derisive chuckles as shrugs of plausibility. (Hating Nickelback is very Bush-era. Consider instead: 21 Pilots.) The list of performers who have already said no sounds like a great concert: Kanye West, Celine Dion, Elton John and KISS.

In the last 30 years especially, inaugurations have stepped up their entertainment value. Bill Clinton's inauguration in 1992 featured a two-day concert with performances from Aretha Franklin, Bob Dylan and rapper-slash-Kangol-hat-slash-actor LL Cool J. Aretha returned to the inaugural stage at the Obama inauguration to sing "My Country Tis Of Thee", but also to remind Beyoncé, who sang the national anthem, who was really the diva around these parts.

And it's not just Democrats who throw a good party for the Prez. As part of his inaugural weekend, George Bush the Elder had a jazz and blues concert for reasons that are lost to time. His son's would attract such star as Ricky Martin, Brooks & Dunn, and Mr. Las Vegas himself, Wayne Newton. Uh, actually, never mind that thing I said about a good party.

Every presidential inauguration of the modern era has had a show-stopper moment that signalled something important about the incoming presidency. This one, however, won't be about the show but the man.

And he is always the show.

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If you're into high heels, you want them the higher the better.

Former Spice Girl Melanie Brown, who asked for even taller shoes as she prepares to join the cast of Chicago, playing the murderous Roxie Hart.

Little was off limits in Carrie Fisher's one-woman show, Wishful Drinking, performed in Toronto in 2011. She discussed family scandals and her "problem with sobriety." CYLLA VON TIEDEMANN/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

'She lived her life bravely'

OBITUARY

Carrie Fisher spoke candidly about mental health issues

Carrie Fisher, a daughter of Hollywood royalty who gained pop-culture fame as Princess Leia in the original Star Wars and turned her struggles with addiction and mental illness into wickedly funny books, a hit film and a one-woman stage show, died Tuesday after falling ill aboard a flight last week. She was 60.

"Carrie was one of a kind … brilliant, original. Funny and emotionally fearless. She lived her life, bravely," Star Wars co-star Harrison Ford said in a statement.

Fisher, the daughter of actress Debbie Reynolds and singer Eddie Fisher, had been hospitalized since Friday, when paramedics responded to a report of a patient in distress at Los Angeles airport. Her family gave no details on the emergency, but media reports said she had suffered a heart attack.

"Thank you to everyone who has embraced the gifts and talents of my beloved and amazing daughter," Reynolds wrote on her Facebook page Tuesday. "I am grateful for your thoughts and prayers that are now guiding her to her next stop. Love Carrie's Mother."

Fisher made her feature film debut opposite Warren Beatty in the 1975 hit Shampoo. She also appeared in Austin Powers, The Blues Brothers, Charlie's Angels, Hannah and Her Sisters, Scream 3 and When Harry Met Sally.

But Fisher is best remembered as the tough, feisty and powerful Princess Leia in the original Star Wars in 1977, uttering the immortal phrase "Help me Obi-Wan Kenobi, you're my only hope," her hair styled in futuristic braided buns.

She reprised the role in Episode VII of the series, Star Wars: The Force Awakens in 2015, and her digitally rendered image appears in the newest instalment, Rogue One: A Star Wars Story.

"No words #Devastated," Star Wars actor Mark Hamill posted on Twitter.

Fisher had long battled drug addiction and mental illness. She said she smoked pot at 13, used LSD by 21 and was diagnosed as bipolar at 24. She was treated with electroshock therapy and medication.

In 1987, her thinly veiled autobiography Postcards From the Edge became a bestseller. It was adapted into a 1990 movie starring Shirley MacLaine and Meryl Streep.

More books followed: Delusions of Grandma, Surrender the Pink, The Best Awful, Shockaholic and this year's autobiography, The Princess Diarist, in which she revealed that she and Ford had an affair on the Star Wars set.

Ever ready to satirize herself, she played Carrie Fisher a few times, as in David Cronenberg's dark Hollywood sendup Maps to the Stars and in an episode of Sex and the City.

In the past 15 years, Fisher appeared as a television guest star, perhaps most memorably as a has-been comedy legend on 30 Rock. She also supplied the voice of a recurring character on the animated Family Guy for the past decade.

"Carrie Fisher was smart, funny, talented, surprising and always a hell of a fun time to be around. Family Guy will miss her immensely," show creator Seth MacFarlane tweeted.

Fisher starred with her mother in a documentary set to air on HBO in 2017. Bright Lights: Starring Debbie Reynolds and Carrie Fisher premiered at the Cannes Film Festival earlier this year.

She endeared herself to the social-media generation with her quirky tweets, laden with crazy keyboard symbols and colourful typefaces.

Her bulldog, Gary Fisher (pictured right with the actress), had his own Twitter and Instagram account. "Saddest tweets to tweet. Mommy is gone. I love you carrieffisher," the dog's Twitter feed read.

Fisher's one-woman show, Wishful Drinking, which she had performed across North America since 2006, was turned into a book, made its way to Broadway in 2009 and was filmed for HBO in 2010.

Little was off-limits in the show. She discussed the scandal that engulfed her superstar parents (Fisher ran off with Elizabeth Taylor); her brief marriage to singer Paul Simon; the time the father of her daughter left her for a man; and the day she woke up next to the dead body of a platonic friend who had overdosed in her bed.

"I'm a product of Hollywood inbreeding. When two celebrities mate, something like me is the result," she said in the show. At another point, she cracked: "I don't have a problem with drugs so much as I have a problem with sobriety."

Besides her mother, Fisher is survived by her brother, Todd Fisher, and her daughter, Billie Lourd. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WIT AND GRIT

Here are some of Fisher's most memorable quotes.

"I do believe you're only as sick as your secrets. If that's true, I'm just really healthy." SPEAKING OPENLY ABOUT HOPING TO DESTIGMATIZE MENTAL HEALTH PROBLEMS

"Instant gratification takes too long." FROM THE '87 NOVEL POSTCARDS FROM THE EDGE

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"I tell my younger friends that no matter how I go, I want it reported that I drowned in moonlight, strangled by my own bra." FROM FISHER'S AUTOBIOGRAPHY WISHFUL DRINKING, IN WHICH SHE EXPLAINED HOW GEORGE LUCAS TOLD HER WEARING UNDERWEAR IN SPACE WOULD BE DANGEROUS.

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This car was built for your commute to work

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It may be obvious to state these days, but crossovers are the breadwinners for automakers.

This makes it no surprise that automakers have been bolstering their crossover offerings, and Mitsubishi is no different.

While the past decade saw the automaker struggle to stay relevant with consumers, especially in North America, its new crossover-centric lineup may catch some eyes, starting with its family-friendly offering, the 2017 Mitsubishi Outlander.

Versatile is the best way to describe the Outlander. It may not look like a huge departure from past models, but this crossover will appeal to families in a number of ways.

For starters, the Outlander can be had with a four- or six-cylinder engine, front- or all-wheel drive, two or three rows of seating and a CVT or six-speed automatic transmission. Of course, there's some nuance there: four-cylinder models are exclusively paired to CVTs while V6 models are all-wheel drive and mated to a six-speed automatic.

Our tester sported three rows of seats, a 2.4-litre four-cylinder, the continuously variable transmission and all-wheel drive.

I was expecting the all-wheel-drive four-cylinder model to be sluggish and a bore to drive, because on paper, that looks like a dull powerplant that seems poorly suited for crossover duty. But in the real world, I found it to be quite responsive, even a bit jumpy off the line. It takes a while to get used to, but underway, the car is just fine for everyday commuting duties.

It's those commuting duties that the Outlander is made for, and it handles that way, too. It's comfortable and easy to pilot, with good sightlines to see its surroundings. I actually quite enjoyed the weight of the steering, which, while light, helped me feel more confident with the crossover in tighter spots around the city. In particular, the suspension setup in the Outlander is worth mentioning, as it seems to strike a good balance of feedback and comfort.

An important element of the Outlander we tested is the AWC system. An acronym meaning all-wheel control, this means that all four of the wheels are powered. Using a button by the gear selector, you can switch the all-wheel drive mode from AWD Lock and AWD Auto, giving drivers a bit more control when they know they will be hitting slippery stuff like snow.

Inside, the Outlander features a clean cabin. You'll immediately notice that the car features few buttons and has a well laid out dashboard. In the middle of it all is a new infotainment system that's bright and easy to use.

THE CHECKLIST | 2017 MITSUBISHI OUTLANDER

THE BASICS

Engine: 2.4-litre four-cylinder
Power: 166 hp and 162 lb-ft of torque
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While many will choose to remember 2016 as a global dumpster fire, we here at AutoGuide.com will remember it as a year packed with awesome debuts and new car announcements. Here are our picks for the Top 7 best car debuts of 2016.

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FULL OF STYLE

Lexus LC

The stunning Lexus LC kicked off the year by making its debut at the 2016 Detroit Auto Show, seemingly living up to expectations after the automaker impressed with the LF-LC concept. The LC500 is powered by a 5.0-litre V8 engine with 471 hp and 398 lb-ft of torque, but a hybrid version is also available with a 3.5-litre V6 and dual-motor electric drive to produce a total system output of 354 hp. But no matter which model you choose, the LC is sure to garner plenty of looks with its gorgeous styling.

PLENTY OF PONIES

Bugatti Chiron

What beats a limited edition, $1.9-million Lamborghini? The followup to the Bugatti Veyron, of course. It became the first production car to produce 1,500 hp with an 8.0-litre quad-turbocharged W16 engine. That means the Chiron packs over 300 more ponies than the Veyron with 1,180 lb-ft of torque to boot.

STUNNING COUPE

Aston Martin DB11

It wowed the crowd at Monterey Car Week as the most powerful DB model ever, delivering 600 hp and 516 lb-ft of torque from a new 5.2-litre twin-turbo V12 engine. It goes zero to 60 mph in 3.9 seconds and has a top speed of 200 mph. Oh, and if you watch The Grand Tour, that shade is not brown.

SOLDOUT STUNNER

Lamborghini Centenario

Despite the fact that it starts at $1.9 million, it was sold out on debut. It's powered by a V12 engine with 770 hp, making it the most powerful engine the company has ever made. It weighs just 3,351 pounds thanks to its carbon fibre monocoque.

DRIVING MACHINE

BMW M2

BMW went back to producing the "Ultimate Driving Machine" with the M2 delivering 365 hp from a 3.0-litre turbocharged inline-six engine. Although it didn't win AutoGuide.com Car of the Year (that went to the Ford Focus RS), we came away impressed with the BMW M2 and just how fun it is to drive.

WORLD TRAVELLER

Honda Civic Type R

Technically the car made its debut this year as a "prototype" but we would be shocked if anything substantial changes from what we see here to production. It made its rounds all over the world and will be the first Civic Type R to ever be sold in the U.S.

SUPER SPEEDY

Chevrolet Camaro ZL1

Sporting 650 hp and 650 lb-ft of torque, the Chevrolet Camaro ZL1 is the hottest American sports car that made its debut in 2016. The supercharged V8 lurking under the hood is the same one found in the Corvette Z06 and Cadillac CTS-V.

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Supercar rolling off production line

INSIDE LOOK

Made in the GTA, new Ford among fastest cars ever built

Dan Ilika
AutoGuide.com

Markham, Ont., is about as unassuming as any other big-city suburb.

A short drive from downtown Toronto, Markham is home to the type of tree-lined streets where commuters start their days. But it's also home to Multimatic, an automotive supplier with deep roots in motorsports.

After years of producing race-ready Fords, the company has been entrusted to build the production version of the all-new Ford GT, a supercar that could define a generation of the fastest and most advanced cars ever built.

And with the first road-going version rolling off the line in — you guessed it — Markham, Multimatic opened its doors for a sneak peek of what's in store. It may look and feel very different from the exotic locales of Maranello or Sant'Agata where Ferraris and Lamborghinis are built, but it's clear that what's going on here is just as special.

MODESTY IS THE KEY

Like the city it resides in, the manufacturing facility that's home to production of the new GT is about as modest as it gets. It looks more like a furniture warehouse than a supercar epicenter, churning out handbuilt examples of a street-legal Le Mans winner.

But step inside and the craftsmanship necessary to build a car of this caliber is immediately evident.

The production area isn't so much of an assembly line as it is an assembly room, a wide open space with more than a half-dozen workstations spread across thousands of square feet. Each is as important as the last, all crucial steps in the birth of each new GT, which is one of the most highly anticipated sports cars to come around in a while.

The first stop is the so-called "dirty room," the place where the freshly made carbon fibre composite parts that are produced in-house at a Multimatic facility just down the street are brought together for the first time. "Dirty room" is a bit of a misnomer, because the place is cleaner than Howie Mandel's mansion. It's here where all the carbon bits — namely the tub and body panels — are trimmed and pre-fitted with the aluminum front and rear cradles before being disassembled for paint.

The Ford GT is the culmination of years of Ford innovation in aerodynamics, lightweight carbon fibre construction, and ultra-efficient EcoBoost engines. SAM VARNHAGEN/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

The paint process, of which there are a trio each of prime and finishing stations to complete cars, is run by a gentleman who was responsible for the 2005 Ford GT and Dodge Viper paint programs in the past, and is as meticulous as any of the 85 or so team members involved in building the new GT.

From there, it's off to final assembly phase, where all 6,000 or so parts come together as one, including the car's Roush-built twin-turbocharged 3.5-litre V6 engine.

It's the same engine as the one available in the Ford F-150, and even shares the same block and heads.

But it's not just the engine that's shared with another member of the Ford lineup, with components like control modules and harnesses borrowed from models like the Fusion sedan. In fact, there are about 1,500 parts in the GT that carry over from its stable mates.

LOW VOLUME, HIGH VALUE

Multimatic is currently building about two cars a week in these early days, a figure that's expected to jump to five as the process is smoothed out moving forward. Much of this smoothing involves coordinating with all those companies contributing to Ford's Ferrari hunter.

There are about 350 key suppliers to the GT project, which is a role Multimatic is familiar with. It currently manufactures, among other parts, the F-150's control arms——key suspension components for the best-selling vehicle in North America.

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All-wheel drive isn't enough

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WINTER DRIVING

Winter tires provide grip that all-seasons simply can't

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Like many of you, I wasn't always a believer in the magic of winter tires.

Short of a conspiracy theory by tire companies, I couldn't imagine a scenario where a seasonal set of tires would do the job an all-wheel drive system couldn't. Of course, I was much younger then, and much less sensible. Yet I hear that same excuse — that power to more wheels means you don't need winter tires — from people much older than me, not to mention far wiser. But it took all of five minutes behind the wheel of a car equipped with winter tires all those years ago to see the error of my ways, and now it's your turn. And yes, that includes you four-wheel drive truck and SUV owners — having all-wheel drive does not make you invincible in the snow. Believing that it does is a huge misconception, and it has to stop.

The basic rule of thumb is that if the temperature stays below about 7 C where you live or drive during the winter months, then you should be making the switch to winter tires. And that's no conspiracy theory; that's science. Remember, they're winter tires, not snow tires. Even if there isn't any snow on the ground, the softer rubber compound used in winter tires has a lower freezing point, allowing them to remain pliable when the mercury plunges. That, in conjunction with special tread patterns and numerous crevices, called sipes, that work to pull water from wet and icy surfaces, allows winter tires to provides grip that their all-season adversaries simply can't.

> **Grip and traction are two very important aspects of winter driving.**

Remember, we're talking grip here, not traction. Those words are often used interchangeably, and while they are fundamentally the same, they are two very different — and very important — aspects of winter driving. Because traction describes the limit of friction between a vehicle's drive wheels and the surface of the road. Reach that limit and the wheels will spin, triggering the intervention of the traction control system, which will automatically pump the brakes to counteract the slippage. Grip, meanwhile, is the level of adhesion to the road surface, and it's crucial even to wheels that aren't receiving power. It's also how a vehicle can slow itself to a halt, something all-wheel drive does nothing to enhance. And it's the combination of both that gives winter tires their insurmountable edge over all-wheel drive.

And for those money misers out there who are worried about the additional cost of an extra set of tires, don't forget that running two sets of tires throughout the year will prolong the lives of both by reducing wear. If you still can't justify the cost, you've officially placed a dollar value on the safety of yourself and others.

All-wheel drive is great when it comes to traversing snow-covered roads, but the misconception about its superiority in winter weather should end there. If you can figure out how all-wheel drive can slow a vehicle down any quicker then put it in a bottle and start selling it to the masses. But if you can't then suck it up and head to your local tire shop. It's for your own good.

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A special holiday delivery for Waymo

One hundred Chrysler Pacifica Hybrid minivans have joined the fleet of Google's self-driving car company, Waymo. CHRYSLER/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

COLLABORATION

Google firm receives 100 self-driving Pacificas

Stephen Elmer
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Fiat Chrysler Automobiles (FCA) has announced delivery of 100 specially built Chrysler Pacifica minivans to Google's newly formed self-driving car company, Waymo.

Each van is fitted with Waymo's self-driving technology, made up of a suit of sensors, telematics, a purpose-built computer and other systems. According to Automotive News, Waymo is planning to begin a ride-sharing service with the minivans, a service that could launch as early as 2017.

Engineering teams from Chrysler and Waymo worked together at a location in southeastern Michigan to design the vans, which have plenty of modifications, including changes to the electrical system, powertrain, chassis and structural systems. Testing took place at FCA's Chelsea Proving Grounds and at the brand's Arizona Proving Grounds.

"The Pacifica Hybrid will be a great addition to our fully self-driving test fleet. FCA's product development and manufacturing teams have been agile partners, enabling us to go from program kickoff to full vehicle assembly in just six months," said John Krafcik, CEO of Waymo. "They've been great partners, and we look forward to continued teamwork with them as we move into 2017."

FCA is the first major automaker to strike a big deal with Google, though so far, the deal is restricted to these 100 vehicles. Plans for the future of this partnership are still unknown, though FCA seems to favor partnerships with tech companies as a way to navigate the changing automotive landscape.

"As consumers' transportation needs evolve, strategic collaborations such as this one are vital to promoting a culture of innovation, safety and technology," said Sergio Marchionne, CEO of FCA. "Our partnership with Waymo enables FCA to directly address the opportunities and challenges the automotive industry faces as we quickly approach a future where fully self-driving vehicles are very much a part of our daily lives."

EXTRA CHARGE

Tesla fighting back against Supercharger hogs

Tesla is trying to cut Supercharger hogging down to a minimum by introducing a new fee.

The issue is owners who leave their cars at the Supercharger stations after they are fully charged, preventing other drivers from getting to them. So Tesla will now charge a $0.50 in Canada for every minute a car stays connected to a Supercharger once it is fully charged. STEPHEN ELMER

HYBRID POWERTRAINS

Toyota to share tech

Toyota's hybrid technology could end up in cars built by other automakers. The company is planning to share its powertrain technology with its rivals, in hopes of boosting sales and speeding up the adoption of electrification to help lower emissions in vehicles. Toyota admits that it's considering selling complete powertrain modules to other companies, a bit similar to the deal it had with Tesla years ago with the Tesla Roadster.

"Toyota suppliers produce a lot of technology which can only be used by Toyota," said Toshiyuki Mizushima, president of Toyota's powertrain company. "We want to change that to a system where we develop technology with our suppliers at an early stage … so they can make that technology available to non-Toyota customers."

It's a move that reflects the changing landscape of the automotive markets, with other companies creating relationships and sharing powertrain and other components to help simplify costs. JASON SIU/AUTOGUIDE.COM

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Goaltender Antoine Bibeau as well as forwards Byron Froese and Frederik Gauthier recalled by Maple Leafs from Marlies

Title for Oleksiak caps 'dream come true' year

CP FEMALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

Toronto teen swimmer won four medals at Rio Games

Penny Oleksiak stared at the wall and told herself to be proud of her performance. Her country already was.

It was 20 seconds after she touched the timing pad in the women's 100-metre freestyle final that Oleksiak finally turned to the scoreboard and joined in celebrating her Olympic gold medal.

Winner of four medals at the Rio Summer Games, the 16-year-old swimmer has been voted the Canadian Press female athlete of the year.

The Toronto native was the overwhelming favourite, earning 61 votes (94 per cent) in the annual survey of editors and broadcasters from across the country.

"Penny Oleksiak not only made all Canadians proud, but she did it with a wonder in her eyes that we could all share and relate to," Hamilton Spectator sports editor Jeff Day said.

Past winners of the Bobbie Rosenfeld Award, which has been handed out since 1933, include golfer Brooke Henderson, tennis player Eugenie Bouchard, hockey player Hayley Wickenheiser and speedskaters Catriona Le May Doan and Cindy Klassen.

"It's kind of unreal to be a part of those names because I know who all of them are," Oleksiak told The Canadian Press. "They're all definitely people I've looked up to for a really, really long time and people that are super, super inspiring to not just me, but a lot of other young girls getting into sport. It means a lot to me."

Henderson, last year's winner, received two votes in 2016. Moguls skier Chloe Dufour-Lapointe and bobsled pilot Kaillie Humphries each received one.

> **It told me to just believe in myself more and I'm stronger than I think I am.**
> Penny Oleksiak on the past year

Bobbie Rosenfeld, an Olympic medallist in track and field and a multi-sport athlete, was named Canada's best female athlete of the half-century in 1950.

Oleksiak isn't the youngest woman to win the award. Figure skater Tracey Wainman was 13 when she was the recipient in 1981.

Sprinter Andre De Grasse won the Lionel Conacher Award as Canada's male athlete of the year on Monday. The CP team of the year will be announced Wednesday.

Given the choice of three words to describe her year, Oleksiak went for "dream come true."

She had already won a butterfly silver and swam the anchor legs for a pair of freestyle relay bronze in Rio before her thrilling come-from-behind swim for gold.

Second-last at the turn, Oleksiak hunted down five competitors and touched the wall at the same time as Simone Manuel of the United States.

Everyone at the pool nearly gave themselves whiplash turning to look at the scoreboard, except Oleksiak.

She was among the last in the venue to find out she'd tied Manuel for gold in an Olympic-record time of 52.70 seconds.

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Penny Oleksiak is The Canadian Press female athlete of 2016, after capturing 94 per cent of the vote in a survey of editors and broadcasters across the country. PAUL CHIASSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

JUNIOR HOCKEY

Denmark holds on to upset defending champs Finland

Kasper Krog made 34 saves and Denmark held on to upset Finland 3-2 on Tuesday at the world juniors.

William Boysen and David Madsen scored to make it 2-0 for Denmark (1-1-0) after 20 minutes at Bell Centre, and Joachim Blichfeld added another in the second period for a three-goal lead heading into the third.

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Kaprizov's five points lead Russia's rout of Latvia

Kirill Kaprizov led the offensive surge, finishing with three goals and two assists as Russia (1-1-0) earned its first win at the world junior hockey championship on Tuesday by downing Latvia 9-1.

Russia's line of Kaprizov, Alexander Polunin and Mikhail Vorobyov dominated Latvia, combining for 13 points.

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Switzerland beats Czech Republic 4-3 in overtime

Nico Hischier scored in overtime to lead Switzerland past the Czech Republic 4-3 on Tuesday in the preliminary round of the world juniors.

Loic In Albon opened scoring for the Swiss (1-0-0) near the midway point of the game. Calvin Thurkauf and Damien Riat also scored for Switzerland.

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Jordan Henderson of Liverpool holds off Joe Allen of Stoke City at Anfield on Tuesday. ALEX LIVESEY/GETTY IMAGES

PREMIER LEAGUE

Liverpool's prolific attack delivers in win

Liverpool's prolific forward line delivered again in a 4-1 win over Stoke in the English Premier League on Tuesday, lifting the team back into second place and within six points of Chelsea.

Liverpool fought back from conceding in the 12th minute at Anfield, with Brazil forward Roberto Firmino among the scorers with his sixth league goal of the season — three days after he was charged by police with drunk-driving in Liverpool city centre.

Playmaker Adam Lallana equalized for the Reds in the 34th and Firmino added the second just before halftime.

Liverpool stretched the lead in the second half through an own-goal by Giannelli Imbula and Daniel Sturridge's first league goal of the season with his first touches after coming on a substitute.

Liverpool reacted to wins for Chelsea, Manchester City, Arsenal and Manchester United on Monday with its own a day later, and it was the sixth time this season that Juergen Klopp's team has scored four goals or more in a league game. It is no surprise that the Reds are the top scorers in the division with 45 goals in 18 games.

> **100**
> Daniel Sturridge's goal was Liverpool's 100th since Juergen Klopp took charge in October last year, completing another big win ahead of the visit of Man City on Saturday.

"Confidence is not a problem of the team at the moment," Klopp said. "We know about our quality, but obviously we don't show it all the time."

Liverpool's players only got going once they fell behind to a rare Stoke goal at Anfield.

Erik Pieters provided the cross from the left and Jon Walters glanced in a header at the near post that Liverpool goalkeeper Simon Mignolet got a hand to but couldn't keep out. It was only Stoke's third league goal away to Liverpool in 40 years.

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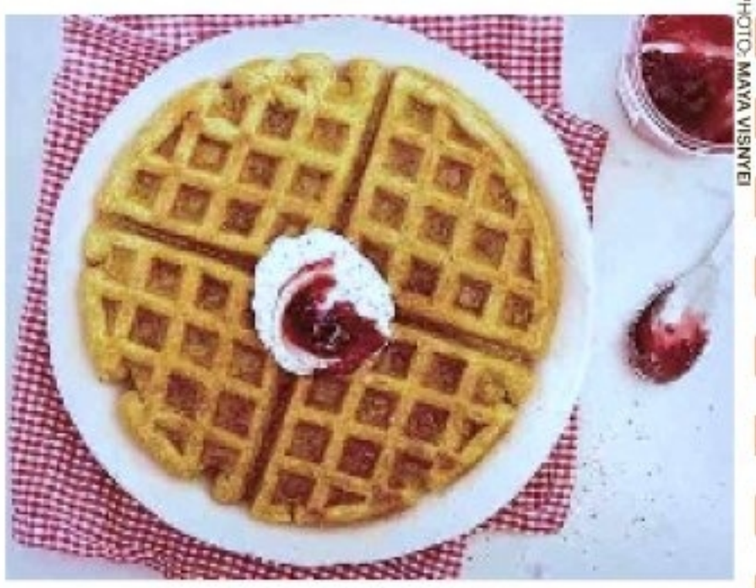
Pumpkin Cardamom Waffles



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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

Do you have a little pumpkin purée leftover from that holiday pie? Whip up a batch of these sweet and spicy waffles, they're perfect for a lazy brunch.

Ready in 25 minutes
Prep time: 5
Cook time: 20
Serves 4

Ingredients
- 1 1/2 cups spelt flour
- 3 tsp baking powder
- 1/2 tsp salt
- ¼ tsp ground cardamom
- 3/4 cup milk
- 1/2 cup buttermilk
- 2 eggs
- 2 Tbsp oil
- 1 Tbsp maple syrup
- 1/4 cup pumpkin purée

Directions

1. Preheat your waffle iron.

2. In a large mixing bowl, whisk flour, baking powder, salt and cardamom. Stir in milk, buttermilk, eggs, oil and maple syrup. Mix in pumpkin.

3. Coat waffle iron with oil or non-stick spray; repeat if necessary between batches. Follow the waffle iron's instructions for cooking.

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CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

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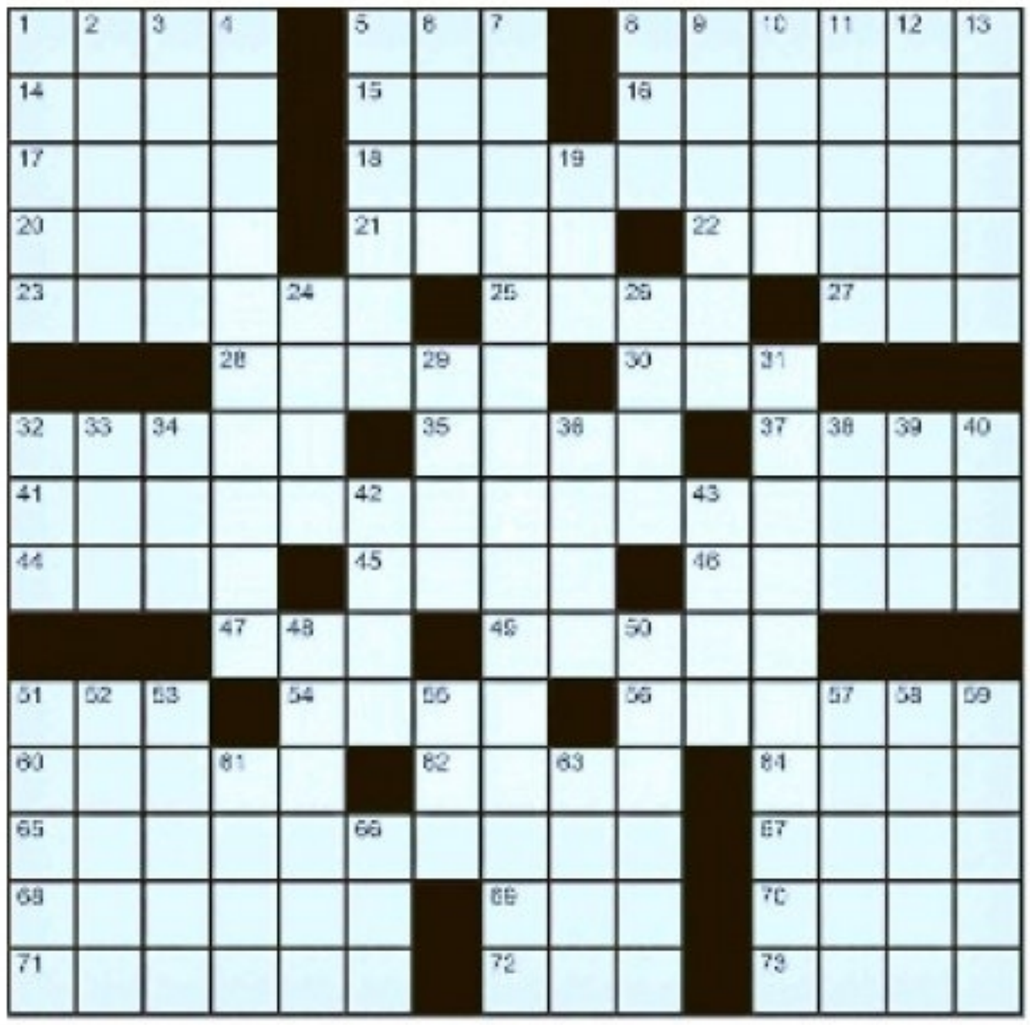

ACROSS
1. Lace-trimmed undergarment, fun-style
5. Keyboard key
8. TV type
14. 'System' suffix
15. Shinzo _ (Japan's current Prime Minister)
16. Tries some
17. Window _
18. Way to partake in holiday season fun: 3 wds.
20. Greek goddess of discord
21. _ _ speak
22. Backup tire
23. Fermented side dish of Korean cuisine
25. In _ (As originally placed)
27. Kibbles eater
28. Remainder: French
30. Photo _ (PR events)
32. _ reef
35. Meadow cry
37. Tony Musante's '70s detective series
41. Canadians might book one for relief from the Winter cold: 2 wds.
44. _ Terrier (Scottish dog breed)
45. Fort _, Ontario
46. Acrylic material
47. Movie star, Aishwarya _
49. Food packaging meas.: 2 wds.
51. 'Lact' suffix
54. Skyline's one-of-some [abbr.]
56. Ms. Sanford of "The Jeffersons"
60. Baseball great Rusty
62. Genesis son
64. _ Nacht (Good night, in Germany)
65. Snowman feature: 2 wds.
67. Get _ _ (Sunbathe)
68. During the evening, fun-style: 2 wds.
69. Paddle
70. "_ _ the Mood for Love"
71. Adjusts to the defaults
72. '_' _ for Kingston
73. Ms. Galan (Producer of makeover reality series "The Swan")

DOWN
1. Karel _ (Sci-Fi playwright of R.U.R.)
2. Video game pioneer
3. _. wage
4. Winter driver's tool: 2 wds.
5. Village on Vancouver Island's west coast
6. "Peek-_-_!"
7. Popular item sold at Indigo, for instance: 2 wds.
8. "Harper Valley _-_-_"
9. Relishes: 2 wds.
10. Pronto!
11. Purse's attachment
12. Measurement in Canada
13. Heretofore: 2 wds.
19. You: French
24. _-skiing
26. Carry
29. Up-the-slopes ride
31. Fresh beginnings song by Alfie Zappacosta: 2 wds.
32. "Aeon Flux" (2005) star ...her initials-sharers
33. Mork's planet
34. "Rob _" (1995)
36. Pulitzer-winning writer James
38. 'Snowy' bird
39. Chairman in "Revolution"
40. Novelist Ms. Rand
42. 'Roof' the room
43. Pulls the car
48. John _ (First Canadian-born Prime Minister)
50. Workers laying down ceramics
51. Lyricist, _ Hammerstein II
52. Express
53. Works for money
55. Newsman Mr. Rather
57. "Nobody _ _" by Michael Buble
58. Web store's business
59. "Laverne & Shirley" character
61. TV actor Michael
63. Mr. Morales of "La Bamba" (1987)
66. Author Mr. Lawrence, et al.

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
This continues to be a powerful time for you to speak to parents, bosses and VIPs. They will listen to you because you speak with authority, energy and purpose.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Go ahead with travel plans that you are contemplating. In particular, you might enjoy visiting someplace you've visited once before.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
This is a good time to wrap up loose details with red-tape issues, because you are fiery and confident. You have your back covered!

Cancer June 22 - July 23
You might have a vigorous discussion with a partner or close friend today. (He or she might blow the hair back over your ears.) Be prepared.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
This is a powerful day for you at work because you easily will take command. In fact, others will hear the authority in your voice.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
This is a wonderful, creative day for your sign. Whether you work with your hands or your voice, you will be motivated and talented today.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You care about the appearance of your home, and today you will do something about it. You will tackle repairs, move furniture around or do something to make things look better.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You can convince anyone of anything today, because your powers of persuasion are tops. This is a strong day for writers, teachers and actors as well.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Value your moneymaking ideas today, because you are full of energy and enthusiasm when it comes to financial matters.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You have the gift of gab today, which is why you will have no trouble getting others to agree with your ideas. People also will do whatever you tell them to, because your words are like gold.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Any kind of research you do will go well today, because you have the focus, endurance and energy to keep looking for what you need. Solutions to old problems are at hand.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Excited conversations with people from your past, especially younger people, might take place now. It's good to have a history with others.

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